

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 14 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 6-14 because of informalities. Applicants' amend claims 6 and 11 to correct informalities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 6-14 can be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants' amend claim 14 to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants' respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable by Yamada I (U.S. Patent No. 4,985,878); claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada I in view of Pikula (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,055); claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada I in view of Yamada II (U.S. Patent No. 5,475,653) in further view of Applicants' alleged admitted prior art; and claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada I in view of Okeya (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,600). Applicants' respectfully traverse the rejections.

In particular, Applicants assert that neither Yamada I, Yamada II, Pikula, Okeya or Applicants' admitted prior art disclose or suggest a flip portable information device, including at least a two-way wireless communications device that includes a foldable casing, and a mechanical time-watch on a side of the casing facing an exterior when the casing is closed, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 2, 6 and 11.

Specifically, Yamada I discloses an "electronic wrist watch" with a flip or foldable casing and having an analog time display unit and an electro-optic data display unit.

Yamada II discloses a paging receiver as part of an analog wrist watch. The analog wrist watch does not include a transmitter for transmitting information from the analog wrist watch.

Pikula discloses a radio-controlled clock movement for use in a radio-controlled clock which is synchronized with timing information supplied by a broadcast time signal. Although the broadcast time signal is received by the clock, the clock does not transmit a wireless signal.

Okeya discloses a portable electronic device that includes a power generating device that performs power generation by converting electrical energy.

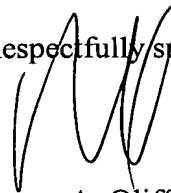
In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, none of the applied references disclose or suggest a flip portable information device, including at least including at least a two-way wireless communications device that includes a foldable casing, and a mechanical time-watch on a side of the casing facing an exterior when the casing is closed. On the contrary, nowhere in the applied references is it disclosed or suggested that, for example, a two-way communications device such as a flip cell phone or personal digital assistant includes a screen display section and an operating section connected together by a hinge structure, with a mechanical time-watch on the side that becomes the outer side of the casing when the casing is closed.

Accordingly, because the applied references all fail to disclose each and every feature as the claimed invention, and because it would not have been obvious to combine the references to arrive at the claimed invention, Applicants' respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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